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EXAMINER: Christopher R. Harmon
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INVENTORS: Heinz-Michael ZWILLING
TITLE: A BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING BOTTLES
WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING MATERIAL, A
CONTAINER FILLING PLANT CONTAINER INFORMATION
ADDING STATION, SUCH AS, A LABELING STATION,
CONFIGURED TO ADD INFORMATION TO CONTAINERS,
SUCH AS, BOTTLES AND CANS, AND MODULES FOR
LABELING STATIONS

Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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April 22, 2005

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Please find enclosed herewith the following document relating to the above-cited case:

- 1) a Provisional Election having three pages; and
- 2) a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed document.



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Respectfully submitted,

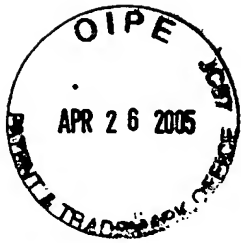
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PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated March 22, 2005,
please enter the following Provisional Election.

In the Examiner's Action dated March 22, 2005, the Examiner
indicated that an Election to one of the following "species" was
required:

- I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a beverage bottling plant, classified
in class 53, subclass 467.



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- II. Claims 4-6, drawn to a labeling station, classified in class 493.
- III. Claims 7-20, drawn to an information adding station, classified in class 493, subclass 8.

The requirement for election set forth in the Action is hereby expressly traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement are respectfully requested.

It is submitted that the above-listed Groups I and II are so closely related to one another that their examination could be most efficiently and effectively carried out in a single application.

However, in the event the election requirement is maintained, Applicant hereby **provisionally** elects Species I for prosecution in the present application. Presently, Claims 1-3 all appear to apply to Species I.

It is respectfully requested that an action on the merits be issued at an early date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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